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E.O. 11165: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, MT, LY, IT
SUBJ: ESSO SHUTDOWN
REF: VALLETTA 2525

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ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS ☐

DECLASSIFIED ☐ RELEASABLE ☐

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PA or FOI EXEMPTIONS B1, 1.9

1. GOM REPORTED IN MONDAY EVENING TV NEWS TO HAVE CANCELLED ESSO'S LICENSE OPERATE IN MALTA. NEWS REPORT SAID ESSO LICENSE EXPIRES DEC. 31 AND WILL NOT BE RENEWED. NEW ITEMS ADDED GOM INTENDS TO IMPORT CRUDE OIL FROM LIBYA AND HAVE IT REFINED IN ITALY BY AGIP.

2. WE UNDERSTAND [REDACTED] LOCAL SHELL SUBSIDIARY HAS INDICATED IT IS WILLING TO FILL IN GAP CREATED BY SHUT DOWN OF ESSO GAS STATIONS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL REFINED LIBYAN RPRODUCTS AND PRESUMED ESTABLISHMENT NEW MARKETING COMPANY. RUMOR HAS IT GOM HAS WORKED OUT 60-40 PERCENT DEAL WITH AGIP.

3. COMMENT: THE PUBLIC SCENARIO FOR GOM CANCELLATION ESSO'S LICENSE IS STRONGLY REMINISCENT OF SIMILAR ACTION.
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TAKEN AGAINST BP SUBSIDIARY ONE YEAR AGO. NEW ELEMENTS,
HOWEVER, IS AVAILABILITY LIBYAN CRUDE AND REPORTED AGIP
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